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Amendment Transmittal Letter (original + 1 copy); and Amendment; in
Patent Application Titled: **METHOD FOR FACILITATING A**
TRANSACTION BETWEEN A MERCHANT AND A BUYER,
Inventor: Thomas J. Sathyanarayanan

Inventor: Thomas J. Foth et al
S.N.: 09/474,326, Filed: December 29, 1999

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re patent application of:) Attorney Docket No.: E-977
Thomas J. Foth et al.) Group Art Unit: 2161
Serial No.: 09/474,326) Examiner: Marianne Huseman
Filed: December 29, 1999) Date: October 7, 2002
Title: METHOD FOR FACILITATING A TRANSACTION BETWEEN A
MERCHANT AND A BUYER

**LETTER REGARDING NON-RECEIPT BY PTO
OF RESPONSE FILED BY THE APPLICANTS ON JULY 15, 2002**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

During a recent telephone conversation between the Examiner and the Attorney of Record, Steven J. Shapiro, Applicants were informed that the Patent and Trademark Office has never received a response to the last Office Action mailed on March 15, 2002, which was due on June 15, 2002, and that the subject case, Attorney Docket E-977 would be "abandoned".

Attorney Shapiro informed the Examiner that indeed a response was filed on July 15, 2002, together with a Petition for a one-month extension of time. A copy of said response, consisting of the receipted Postcard Receipt, the Petition and Fee for Extension of Time, the Amendment Transmittal Letter and the Amendment together with the Certificate of Mailing, is attached hereto and made a part hereof.

This Application should not go abandoned for the reason that a response was timely filed with a one-month extension of time.

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:


Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.

| | Claims Remaining After Amendment | - | Highest Number Previously Paid For | = | Number of Extra Claims Present | X | Rate | = | Additional Fee |
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| Total Claims | 8 | - | 20 | = | 0 | X | \$18.00 | = | 0.00 |
| Independent Claims | 4 | - | 4 | = | 0 | X | 0 | = | 0.00 |
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